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Newsletter #31:

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I hope everyone had a good week! Last week I thanked my husband and sons for supporting me in the last year and I neglected to thank two very special people, my mother Ellen and step-dad Dan. I know....the purpose of my newsletter is not to thank people but my mom and Dan have been unbelievably supportive the last year and I felt bad that I didn't mention it when I was handing out gratitude. They recently retired from the jewelry business and instead of kicking back and enjoying the fine life my mother has been traveling around with me to trade shows and auctions (little secret though.....she loves it). Setting up at the coin shows would not be HALF as fun if my best unpaid employee was not with me. She also is extremely social as you all know and I'm pretty sure that half of my sales are because people want to chat with her! Anyway, thanks mom and Dan!

So down to business. There is a lot coming up. I'm repeating much of what I have been mentioning in the last weeks but that will soon change as auction season ramps up.

Long Beach Expo (Sept 7-9)

Goldberg has their pre-Long Beach auctions from September 3-6 and Heritage Auctions is the official auctioneer of the Expo with three of their five auctions live and the others online. They run from Sept 7-12.

I haven't heard from anyone about being interested in Goldberg or Heritage's auctions so if you still are please do let me know. I will not be there in person but I am available for phone bidding if you need and I have relationships with both auction houses so you can work through me if you prefer anonymity. Please contact me for details if interested.

CNG MBS 106 (closing Sept 13)

I am starting to get bids for the CNG 106 sale. This is a very good opportunity for my clients to have me at the CNG offices when their mail bid sale 106 closes. I will be viewing the coins on Sept. 11-12 and then will be there for the closing on the 13th. Please get in touch soon if you would like my representation.

Paul-Francis Jacquier Auction 43 (Sept 15)

I'm not attending the Jacquier auction in person but I am available for phone bidding if you need. Please remember that if you are increasing your numismatic library that some duplicates of the BCD library are available in this auction. Worth a look!

Upcoming EAuctions

Numismatik Naumann is closing their 57th EAuction on September 3rd with 1,159 lots of ancient and world coins. CNG will close their bimonthly EAuction 405 with 759 lots. Both auctions have quite a few price worthy coins to consider.

Both auctions can be found on Numisbids or Sixbid.

Kolbe & Fanning Fixed Price List

I just received a virtual catalog of the K&F fixed price list. There are some fabulous rarities available in numismatic literature. Personally, I finally scooped up the Ernest Babelon Traité volume on Greek coins. This is one of the books that I still don't own in my library and while it is a small fortune it is well worth it for my burgeoning numismatic library. K&F regularly have popular books on offer in their fixed price lists so check it out. Not to leave out another great book dealer, Charles Davis, is another resource for those searching for books. Charles Davis has a store on vcoins as well. I highly recommend both firms. The link to the Kolbe & Fanning FPL is below:

<https://www.numislit.com/>

London/Germany Trip (Sept 19-27)

I'm currently taking bids for the Roma auction on Sept 21. See the attached catalog:

<http://romanumismatics.com/catalogues/>

I am also taking bids for day one (ancients) of the Künker auction on Sept 25. The catalog can be viewed on Sixbid or Numisbids.

Finding Pedigrees through Ex-Numis

I received an email from my friend Jonas Flueck the other day about a coin that I have in my stock in which he uncovered a fabulous pedigree. I can't stress enough the value of attaching pedigrees to coins circulating throughout the market. It is through no fault of anyone that pedigrees were never of any great importance to collectors or dealers until more recent years. Aside from the excitement of seeing your purchase in a catalog from sometimes over 100 years ago, there also is a serious need to start attaching pedigrees to coins for future generations. While I do not believe that our hobby is under real threat of ending I think that it is nonetheless important to change how we preserve past ownership. This is why Ex-Numis is such a great company.

Jonas and his wife Pauline painstakingly scanned hundreds of catalogs so they could reunite coins with their pedigrees. The system is not perfect and they are still working on fine tuning the process, but it is remarkable to say the least. I can't tell you how many hours I spent in years past (and still do) pouring through old catalogs searching for pedigrees. I find it quite fun but it can take loads of time and most of us don't have all the old catalogs, nor the time for it.

So what did Jonas find for me? Well, a coin I purchased at Numismata last year in Germany without an extensive pedigree ended up being from a rather exciting collection (Ex Collection Côte) that was auctioned off in a 1936 M.M. Feuardent sale in Paris. Jonas sent me the picture of the coin as well from the old catalog for my records. So in light of this new information I am happily making it my coin of the week again since it already was that.

I highly recommend using the helpful services provided by Ex-Numis. You might end up with nothing but the small amount of money spent on this service is well worth it.

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Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

ATTICA, Athens. c. 467-465 BC.

AR Drachm, 4.24g (14mm, 2h). Athena / Owl standing facing with head reverted; olive sprig behind and ethnic ΑΘΕ to right

Pedigree: Ex Collection Côte, Auction M.M. Feuardent, Paris 4 December, 1936, lot 17; Ex Peus 388, 1 November 2006, lot 125

Price: \$4,000 (hammered at 5,750 Euros in 2006)

Archaeological evidence suggests that Athens has been occupied by humans since before 3000 BC, however, the zenith of its growth occurred during the 6th century BC. Due to the silver mines at Laurium, located about 60 km from Athens, the city was rich in silver. This gave them an advantage that few other Greek city states had: the ability to strike an abundance of coins. And strike they did! All over the Greek world tetradrachms of Athens circulated. Some even to the far east reflected a Phoenician appearance and symbolism.

While we see many different styles of tetradrachms, to the point that even a die study of the type is impossible to achieve, we see less of the smaller denomination in silver. This coin is a drachm which as it suggests is roughly 1/4 the size of a tetradrachm. A very interesting type and one that is less visible in the current market.

References: Svoronos, Tf. 8, 38; Starr 85 (Gruppe II C)

Grade: *Slightly off-center which pushes the face of Athena to edge. Reverse has lovely iridescent toning. EF*

If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

If you are interested in any other coins I have available please visit my website www.shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!

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GREEK

ATTICA, ATHENS, c. 467-465 BC

\$4,500



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